

**INDEPENDENCE LIGHT AND POWER,
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance
and Other Matters

Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing
Standards

To the Board of Trustees
Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications
Independence, Iowa 50644

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications, Independence, Iowa, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, which collectively comprise the Utility's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents, and have issued our reports thereon dated May 19, 2009. We conducted our audits in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audits, we considered the Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the effectiveness of Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies and another deficiency we consider to be a material weakness.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of the control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood a misstatement of Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' internal control. We consider the deficiencies in internal control described in Part II of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' internal control.

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Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' basic financial statements. We previously audited, in accordance with the standards referred to in the second paragraph of this report, the financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006 (which are not presented herein) and expressed unqualified opinions on those financial statements. Other supplementary information included in Schedules 1 and 2 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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May 19, 2009

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications (the Utility) provides this Management's Discussion and Analysis of its annual financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities is for the year ended December 31, 2008. The Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications provides electrical, cable, internet, and telephone services to the citizens of the City of Independence (the City) and is a component unit of the City. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the Utility's financial statements, which follow.

2008 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Revenues of the Utility for 2008 were \$9,203,429. This is a slight increase over revenues in 2007, less than 1%.
- Disbursements for 2008 totaled \$9,031,817. This is an increase of approximately 3% from 2007.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements and other information as follows:

- Management's Discussion and Analysis – This introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the Utility's financial activities.
- The Basic Financial Statements – These consist of the Statement of Net Assets, Statement of Revenues and Expenses and Changes in Net Assets, Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements. The previous mentioned financial statements provide information about the activities of the Utility as a whole and present an overall view of the Utility's finances. The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.
- Supplemental Information – This provides additional information about the Utility's financial activities in addition to the basic financial statements.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Utility maintains its financial records on the accrual basis of accounting which is in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principals. The accounting records are maintained in accordance with the uniform system of accounts prescribed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE UTILITY

Net Assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of financial position. The Utility's Net Assets increased by \$183,769 from 2007 to 2008.

Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Assets		
Current Assets	\$ 2,662,822	2,356,220
Capital Assets:		
Capital Assets	23,919,108	23,855,141
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(12,027,791)	(11,405,807)
Total Capital Assets	11,891,317	12,449,333
Board Designated Funds	3,848,645	3,666,245
Other Assets	-	12,922
Total Assets	<u>\$ 18,402,784</u>	<u>18,484,721</u>

Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	\$ 1,652,556	1,488,230
Other Liabilities:		
Accrued retirement insurance	506,401	529,104
Note payable – BankIowa	274,449	358,021
Electric revenue project note payable	4,796,767	5,106,263
Less: Current portion of long-term debt	(321,914)	(307,653)
Total Other Liabilities	<u>5,255,703</u>	<u>5,685,736</u>
Total Liabilities	6,908,259	7,173,965
Net Assets	<u>11,494,525</u>	<u>11,310,756</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 18,402,784</u>	<u>18,484,721</u>

Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Revenues:		
Sales to Customers	\$ 8,963,269	8,682,435
Miscellaneous Operating Revenue	86,839	323,851
Interest Income	153,321	179,970
Miscellaneous Revenue	38,985	23,800
Gain on Disposal of Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenue	<u>9,242,414</u>	<u>9,210,056</u>
Expenses:		
Generation Expenses	4,708,320	4,528,752
Distribution Expenses	393,198	359,161
Customer Accounts Expense	116,482	106,568
Administration and General Expense	901,871	742,185
Cable and Internet Expenses	1,463,439	1,514,121
Depreciation and Amortization	888,585	897,870
Benefits to Community and City	336,983	350,793
Interest Expense	222,939	269,409
Loss on Disposal of Assets	<u>26,828</u>	<u>266,995</u>
Total Expenses	<u>9,058,645</u>	<u>9,035,854</u>
Changes in Net Assets	183,769	174,202
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>11,310,756</u>	<u>11,136,554</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 11,494,525</u>	<u>11,310,756</u>

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The Utility prepared and adopted the annual budget on December 6, 2007, which designated the amounts necessary for the improvement and maintenance of the Utility. The Utility did not exceed its budgeted expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2008.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

At December 31, 2008, the Utility had long-term debt in the amount of \$5,071,215. During 2008, the Utility repaid \$393,068 of long-term debt.

BACKGROUND OF INDEPENDENCE LIGHT AND POWER, TELECOMMUNICATIONS

In 1893, the citizens of Independence voted by a 572 majority to build a municipal light plant. This building was located where Veterans Park is today. The flood of 1947 caused damage to the plant so they decided to move to a better location. In 1948, construction began on a new building at the present site. At that time the Mayor and City Council governed the Light Plant. In 1961 the City voted to have the Light Plant governed by a board of trustees.

During the construction of this building, two new Superior 1000kw generators were installed. These generators are still in use today. After these generators became operational they moved two Worthington generators from the old plant. These units have since been removed to make room for new Caterpillar generators.

As the City grew the demand for electricity also grew, so additional generation had to be added. In 1957, a twenty-foot addition was added to the west side of the building to make room for the installation of a 2500kw Worthington generator. In 1964, another addition was added to the west allowing space for two additional generators. At this time a 3200kw Worthington generator was installed. In 1973, a 6250kw Worthington generator was installed and a new Control Room was added to the south side of the building.

In 1975, the interconnection with Interstate Power Company was installed. This meant that the plant went to a standby status and power was purchased from Interstate Power Company. Power was generated during times of high usage and during emergencies. Presently we are still in a standby status and from May 1996 until May 2006, we have been purchasing power from Dairyland Power Company. On April 20, 2006 a contract was signed with Wisconsin Public Power Inc. (WPPI) to purchase power beginning May 1, 2006 for a period of 32 years.

In October of 1979 the Line Shop moved to their present location. In 1987, we began to upgrade the electrical distribution system from 2400 volts to 12,470 volts. This upgrade was completed in January of 2002. In order to better serve our customers, a drive-thru pay window was installed in 1992 and the billing functions were moved from City Hall to the plant.

In 1995, two 1860kw Caterpillar generators were installed in place of the 1935 generators. In March of 1999, the 1939 generator was also removed to make room for additional Caterpillar generators. In May of 2000 three 1860kw Caterpillar generators came on line. In 2007 one of the Superior generators was retired and currently the total generating capacity of the plant is 22,250kw.

In November of 1997 by a majority vote, the citizens of Independence approved the formation of a telecommunications company. A new administration building was built across the street from the plant and in May of 2000 the office and management personnel moved in. The vacated office area at the plant was remodeled for the new telecommunications equipment. Cable TV became operational in December of 2000 and internet on May of 2001. In 2006, digital telephone service, was added as an additional service.

In June of 2003 work began on the site of the west substation. This substation was installed to handle the continued growth west of the river. It will also be used to serve the entire town when east substation needs to be taken out of service. We are continuing to stay abreast with our customers' needs and keeping a watchful eye to the future. Our goal is the same as our founders, to deliver low cost dependable power to all citizens well into the future.

CONTACTING THE UTILITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our customers and creditors with a general overview of the Utility's finances and to show the Utility's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Darrel Wenzel, General Manager, P.O. Box 754, Independence, IA 50644.

INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWER
Independence, Iowa
ANALYSIS OF KILOWATT HOURS AND BILLINGS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008
(unaudited)

Type of Service:	KWH Billed	Amount Billed	Revenue in cents/KWH	% KWH to Total	% Revenues to Total	Number of Accts
Residential Service	21,173,027	3,000,263	14.17	35.44%	46.00%	2,722
Security Lights	189,526	25,887	13.66	0.32%	0.40%	
Commercial Service	10,483,009	1,191,555	11.37	17.55%	18.27%	350
Demand Power	24,582,420	1,980,902	8.06	41.15%	30.37%	23
Total to Customers	56,427,982	6,198,606	10.98	94.45%	95.05%	3,095
Municipal Sales:						
Street Lighting	716,988	78,152	10.90	1.20%	1.20%	1
City Bldgs, Parks, Water Pumping	877,646	98,827	11.26	1.47%	1.52%	27
City Demand Power	1,534,480	119,363	7.78	2.57%	1.83%	3
Plant Lights, Office & Line Shop	184,800	0	0.00	0.31%	0.00%	
Total Municipal	3,313,914	296,342	8.94	5.55%	4.54%	31
Power Cost Adjustment	n/a	26,774	0.04	n/a	0.41%	
TOTALS	59,741,896	6,521,722	10.92	100.00%	100.00%	3,126

Analysis of Energy Generated:

Kilowatt Hours Generated	164,902
Less KWH Consumed by Station	494,250
KWH to Distribution Feeders	-329,348
KWH Purchased	63,416,663
Total	63,087,315
Kilowatt Hours Billed and Metered	59,741,896
Line Loss in Kilowatts	3,345,419
Line Loss as a Percent to Total	5.30%

INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWER

Independence, Iowa

Revenue by Category: Power Cost Adjustment Separate

For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

(unaudited)

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total	Total for acct
Residential	266,381	295,856	266,758	233,100	214,156	199,905	246,518	305,451	296,855	219,213	203,475	252,593	3,000,263	3,010,313
Power Cost Adjustment			948					6,354		2,748			10,050	
Commercial	95,983	107,679	99,780	91,327	90,365	92,298	106,747	113,030	112,477	96,115	88,659	97,095	1,191,555	1,196,417
Power Cost Adjustment			439					2,902		1,521			4,862	
Industrial	158,541	172,448	166,785	159,970	152,944	180,500	164,539	171,583	166,734	161,422	161,789	163,645	1,980,901	1,991,686
Power Cost Adjustment			1,049					6,189		3,546			10,785	
Security Lites	2,151	2,151	2,153	2,148	2,151	2,152	2,151	2,161	2,165	2,159	2,176	2,172	25,887	51,774
Street/HWY	6,513	6,513	6,513	6,513	6,513	6,513	6,513	6,513	6,513	6,513	6,513	6,513	78,152	156,305
City Comm	7,713	7,875	7,160	6,249	6,788	9,816	10,978	11,181	7,939	7,403	7,181	8,543	98,827	99,267
Power Cost Adjustment			32					291		118			440	
City Demand	9,603	8,976	9,745	9,996	11,288	13,959	9,333	9,447	9,291	8,768	9,509	9,447	119,363	120,000
Power Cost Adjustment			62					361		213			637	
	546,885	601,497	561,425	509,303	484,205	505,143	546,779	635,462	601,974	509,740	479,302	540,007	6,521,722	13,043,443

INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWER
Independence, Iowa
ENERGY AND REVENUE ACCOUNTING REPORT
For Years Ended December 31, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005
(unaudited)

	2008		2007		2006		2005	
	KWH	%	KWH	%	KWH	%	KWH	%
1. Total Gross Energy (all sources; % of previous year)	63,581,565	101.0%	62,960,189	95.3%	66,061,550	84.2%	78,461,829	103.1%
2. Purchased Energy (% of line 1)	63,416,663	99.7%	61,219,999	97.2%	65,532,860	99.2%	77,176,162	98.4%
3. Total Gross Energy Generated (line 1 - line 2)	164,902	100.0%	1,740,190	100.0%	528,690	100.0%	1,285,667	100.0%
4. Energy Consumed by Station (% of line 3)	494,250	299.7%	509,999	29.3%	519,574	98.3%	553,364	43.0%
5. Total Net Energy Generated	-329,348	-199.7%	1,230,191	70.7%	9,116	1.7%	732,303	57.0%
6. Total Net Energy Outgoing Feeders	63,087,315	100.0%	62,450,190	100.0%	65,541,976	100.0%	77,908,465	100.0%
7. Net Distributed Energy (% of line 6)	59,741,896	94.7%	59,212,991	94.8%	62,089,175	94.7%	74,144,602	95.2%
8. Energy Lost in Distribution System (% of line 6)	3,345,419	5.30%	3,237,199	5.18%	3,452,801	5.27%	3,763,863	4.83%

ENERGY CONSUMED BY EACH SERVICE
AND PERCENT CHANGE IN CONSUMPTION:

	KWH	% Change	KWH	% Change	KWH	% Change	KWH	% Change
Residential Service	21,173,027	-2.8%	21,793,745	3.1%	21,137,640	-1.3%	21,416,788	2.8%
Commercial Service	10,483,009	-2.8%	10,789,529	-0.8%	10,871,727	-4.1%	11,341,155	5.2%
Demand Power	24,582,420	5.7%	23,254,180	-13.2%	26,799,440	-29.7%	38,111,460	0.3%
Security Lights	189,526	1.1%	187,489	-0.6%	188,631	0.9%	186,861	-0.3%
City Bldgs, Parks, Water Pump, Traffic Signals	877,646	3.2%	850,186	-2.0%	867,447	-2.2%	887,202	19.8%
City Demand Accts: WWTP, Pump Station, Shop	1,534,480	6.9%	1,435,360	7.0%	1,341,040	-1.0%	1,355,120	30.3%
Street Lights	716,988	0.1%	716,538	1.5%	706,128	0.1%	705,288	1.6%
Plant Lights, Office & Line Shop	<u>184,800</u>	-0.6%	<u>185,964</u>	5.0%	<u>177,122</u>	25.9%	<u>140,728</u>	51.1%
TOTAL	59,741,896	0.9%	59,212,991	-4.6%	62,089,175	-16.3%	74,144,602	2.4%

ELECTRIC SALES INCLUDING AVERAGE UNIT
REVENUE PER KWH:

	Per Unit Revenue		Per Unit Revenue		Per Unit Revenue		Per Unit Revenue	
	Billings	In Cents	Billings	In Cents	Billings	In Cents	Billings	In Cents
Residential Service	3,010,313	14.22	3,007,104	13.80	2,633,633	12.46	2,169,987	10.13
Commercial Service	1,196,417	11.41	1,189,782	11.03	1,099,118	10.11	957,372	8.44
Demand Power	1,991,686	8.10	1,853,889	7.97	1,984,296	7.40	2,585,161	6.78
Security Lights	25,887	13.66	23,683	12.63	18,504	9.81	18,445	9.87
City Bldgs, Parks, Water Pump, Traffic Signals	99,267	11.31	93,038	10.94	87,271	10.06	74,331	8.38
City Demand Accts: WWTP, Pump Station, Shop	120,000	7.82	107,868	7.52	94,627	7.06	89,845	6.63
Street Lights	<u>78,152</u>	10.90	<u>75,739</u>	10.57	<u>67,707</u>	9.59	<u>56,519</u>	8.01
TOTAL	6,521,722	10.92	6,351,103	10.73	5,985,156	9.64	5,951,659	8.03

INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWER
Independence, Iowa
UTILITY STATISTICS AND OPERATING INFORMATION
For Years Ended December 31, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005
(unaudited)

				2008	2007	2006	2005				
Gen Unit	No.	Year	Fuel	KW	KWH		KWH		KWH		
				Capacity	Generated	Generated	Generated	Generated			
Installed 2000	1	1949	Oil	1,000	0	8,000	15,000	0			
	1A	2000	Oil	1,860	12,901	189,405	41,233	98,626			
	2	1949	out of service 4/07		0	4,000	12,000	0			
	3A	1996	Oil	1,860	21,000	186,000	44,000	114,000			
Installed 2000	3B	1996	Oil	1,860	21,000	185,000	44,000	113,000			
	4A	2000	Oil	1,860	13,035	189,708	41,201	113,894			
Installed 2000	4B	2000	Oil	1,860	12,966	142,077	41,256	118,147			
	5	1957	Dual	2,500	18,000	97,000	59,000	27,000			
	6	1964	Dual	3,200	19,000	148,000	92,000	158,000			
	7	1973	Dual	6,250	47,000	591,000	139,000	543,000			
TOTAL CAPACITY & KWH GENERATED				22,250	164,902	1,740,190	528,690	1,285,667			
PURCHASED KILOWATT HOURS					63,416,663	61,219,999	65,532,860	77,176,162			
TOTAL KWH					63,581,565	62,960,189	66,061,550	78,461,829			
Unit	No.	Type	Fuel	Hours	Operating	Hours	Operating	Hours	Operating	Hours	Operating
				Operated	Capacity	Operated	Capacity	Operated	Capacity	Operated	Capacity
	1		Oil	0	#DIV/0!	15	53%	23.25	65%	0	0%
	1A		Oil	8.25	84%	114	89%	26.25	84%	68	78%
	2		Oil	0	0%	7	57%	20	60%	0	0%
	3A		Oil	12.75	89%	112.25	89%	28.25	84%	78.75	78%
	3B		Oil	12.75	89%	112.25	89%	28.25	84%	78.5	77%
	4A		Oil	8.25	85%	114	89%	26.25	84%	79	78%
	4B		Oil	8.25	84%	86	89%	26.25	84%	82.58	77%
	5		Oil & Gas	8	90%	54.5	71%	37.5	63%	14.5	74%
	6		Oil & Gas	8	74%	57.25	81%	38.25	75%	63.75	77%
	7		Oil & Gas	9	84%	113.25	83%	26.5	84%	104.5	83%
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INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWER
Independence, Iowa
(unaudited)

Electric Rate Schedule

Effective January 1, 2008

Residential:	Service Charge	\$8.00
	All kWh	\$0.1297
Commercial:	Service Charge	\$12.00
	All kWh	0.1088
Industrial:	Service Charge	\$100.00
	Demand Charge	9.00 per KW
	All kWh	\$0.0569

An energy cost adjustment is made monthly to the above rates based on the utility's kWh sales and power costs.

Security Lighting Monthly Rental Fees

Effective January 1, 2008

100 Watt High Pressure Sodium	8.50
250 Watt High Pressure Sodium	12.75
400 Watt High Pressure Sodium	16.25
400 Watt Metal Halide	12.75

INDEPENDENCE LIGHT AND POWER
Independence, Iowa

MONTHLY & YEARLY PEAK LOAD IN KILOWATTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008
(unaudited)

Date	KW	Time	Day
January 29	10,090	6:00 PM	Tuesday
February 11	10,010	6:15 PM	Monday
March 11	9,000	8:50 AM	Tuesday
April 10	8,880	10:00 AM	Thursday
May 30	8,310	10:35 AM	Friday
June 25	11,410	4:10 PM	Wednesday
July 29	12,410	4:15 PM	Tuesday
August 4	11,970	3:05 PM	Monday
September 2	12,070	4:15 PM	Tuesday
October 27	8,590	12:15 PM	Monday
November 21	9,050	5:20 PM	Friday
December 15	10,390	6:00 PM	Monday

2008 Peak for the Year

July 29	12,410	4:15 PM
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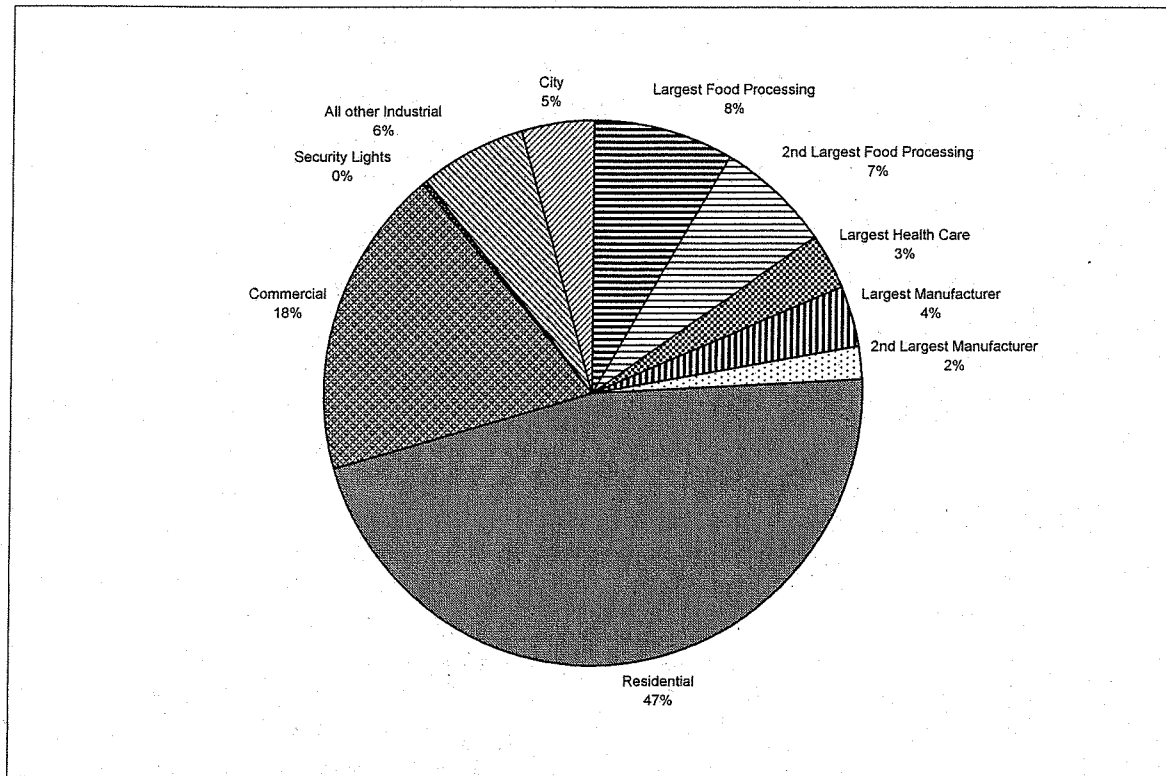
Comparison

2007 Peak	13,398
2006 Peak	15,030
2005 Peak	16,580
2004 Peak	15,500
2003 Peak	17,000
2002 Peak	15,500
2001 Peak	16,310
2000 Peak	16,030
1999 Peak	16,310
1998 Peak	13,836
1997 Peak	13,950
1996 Peak	14,000
1995 Peak	15,800
1994 Peak	12,500
1993 Peak	12,600
1992 Peak	10,500

INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWER
Independence, Iowa
TEN LARGEST INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS
December 31, 2008
(unaudited)

Ranking:	Customer	KWh Metered	Revenue	% of Total
		At Industrial Rate		Revenue
1	Food Processing	6,655,120	\$537,155	9.9%
2	Food Processing	5,455,360	\$458,448	8.4%
3	Health Care	3,001,940	\$224,427	4.1%
4	Manufacturing	2,838,800	\$229,253	4.2%
5	Manufacturing	1,666,300	\$135,693	2.5%
6	Government	1,470,081	\$120,000	2.2%
7	Education	1,180,560	\$116,834	2.1%
8	Retail	626,300	\$55,471	1.0%
9	Food Processing	457,360	\$42,026	0.8%
10	Retail	257,800	\$30,346	0.6%
Total of Ten Largest		23,609,621	\$1,949,653	35.8%

INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWER
Independence, Iowa
2008 REVENUE BREAKDOWN
Shows 5 Largest Customers Individually
(unaudited)



Customer		KWh	Revenue	% of Total Revenue
1	Largest Food Processing	6,655,120	\$537,155	8.24%
2	2nd Largest Food Processing	5,455,360	\$458,448	7.03%
3	Largest Health Care	3,001,940	\$224,427	3.44%
4	Largest Manufacturer	2,838,800	\$229,253	3.52%
5	2nd Largest Manufacturer	1,666,300	\$135,693	2.08%
All Others	Residential	21,173,027	\$3,010,313	46.16%
	Commercial	10,483,009	\$1,196,417	18.35%
	Security Lights	189,526	\$25,887	0.40%
	All other Industrial	4,964,900	\$406,710	6.24%
	City	3,129,114	\$297,419	4.56%
Total Sales		59,557,096	\$6,521,722	100.00%

Basic Financial Statements

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications

Statement of Net Assets

December 31, 2008 and 2007

ASSETS:	2008	2007
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 1,030,509	\$ 796,952
Accounts receivable	753,714	710,663
Unbilled revenues receivable	337,382	223,799
Interest receivable	26,545	39,138
Inventory	480,433	524,372
Prepaid expenses	34,239	61,296
Total Current Assets	<u>2,662,822</u>	<u>2,356,220</u>
Capital Assets	23,919,108	23,855,141
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(12,027,791)</u>	<u>(11,405,807)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>11,891,317</u>	<u>12,449,334</u>
Board Designated Funds:		
Investment in transmission fund	400,000	400,000
Capital improvement fund	1,087,607	997,607
Retirement and severance fund	1,361,038	1,268,638
Self insurance fund	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
Total Board Designated Funds	<u>3,848,645</u>	<u>3,666,245</u>
Other Assets:		
Investment in industrial park site	-	12,922
Start up costs	-	543,541
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>-</u>	<u>(543,541)</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>12,922</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 18,402,784</u>	<u>\$ 18,484,721</u>

See notes to financial statements

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications

Statement of Net Assets

December 31, 2008 and 2007

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 550,619	\$ 483,680
Accrued wages payable	28,823	19,035
Accrued vacation and sick pay	734,712	657,302
Other accrued expenses	16,488	20,560
Current portion of long term debt	<u>321,914</u>	<u>307,653</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,652,556</u>	<u>1,488,230</u>
Other Liabilities:		
Accrued retirement insurance	506,401	529,104
Note payable - Bankloma	274,449	358,021
Electric revenue project note payable	4,796,767	5,106,263
Less: Current portion of long-term debt shown above	<u>(321,914)</u>	<u>(307,653)</u>
Total Other Liabilities	<u>5,255,703</u>	<u>5,685,735</u>
Net Assets:		
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	5,449,235	5,116,835
Unrestricted	<u>6,045,290</u>	<u>6,193,921</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 11,494,525</u>	<u>\$ 11,310,756</u>

See notes to financial statements

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets
Years Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Operating Revenues:		
Sales to customers	\$ 8,963,269	\$ 8,682,435
Miscellaneous operating revenue	<u>86,839</u>	<u>323,851</u>
Total Operating Revenue	<u>9,050,108</u>	<u>9,006,286</u>
Operating expenses:		
Generation expenses	4,708,320	4,528,752
Distribution expenses	393,198	359,161
Customer account expenses	116,482	106,568
Administration and general expenses	901,871	742,185
Cable and internet expenses	1,463,439	1,514,121
Depreciation and amortization expenses	888,585	897,870
Benefits to community and city	<u>336,983</u>	<u>350,793</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>8,808,878</u>	<u>8,499,450</u>
Operating Income	241,230	506,836
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):		
Interest income	153,321	179,970
Interest expense	(222,939)	(269,409)
Gain (loss) on disposal of assets	(26,828)	(266,995)
Other revenue	<u>38,985</u>	<u>23,800</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>(57,461)</u>	<u>(332,634)</u>
Changes in Net Assets	183,769	174,202
Net Assets, beginning of year	<u>11,310,756</u>	<u>11,136,554</u>
Net Assets, end of year	<u><u>\$ 11,494,525</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,310,756</u></u>

See notes to financial statements

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications

Statement of Cash Flows

Years Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

	2008	2007
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Operating income	\$ 241,230	\$ 506,836
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	888,585	897,870
Non-operating revenue	38,985	23,800
(Increase) decrease in:		
Accounts receivable	(43,051)	(53,535)
Unbilled revenues receivable	(113,583)	(39,501)
Interest receivable	12,593	(23,668)
Inventory	43,939	(25,069)
Prepaid expenses	27,057	(33,003)
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable	66,939	19,177
Accrued wages payable	9,788	6,227
Accrued vacation and sick pay	77,410	68,513
Other accrued expenses	(4,072)	6,065
Accrued retirement insurance	(22,704)	(63,247)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>1,223,116</u>	<u>1,290,465</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Additions to capital assets	(378,829)	(313,322)
Disposal of assets	21,434	54,349
Principal paid on long-term debt	(393,068)	(374,347)
Interest expense	<u>(222,939)</u>	<u>(269,409)</u>
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	<u>(973,402)</u>	<u>(902,729)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of certificates of deposit	(3,400,000)	(3,000,000)
Redemption of certificates of deposit	3,000,000	2,400,000
Collection of long-term note receivable	-	11,826
Sale of real estate investment	12,922	-
Interest income	<u>153,321</u>	<u>179,970</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>(233,757)</u>	<u>(408,204)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	15,957	(20,468)
Beginning cash and cash equivalents	<u>2,263,197</u>	<u>2,283,665</u>
Ending cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 2,279,154</u>	<u>\$ 2,263,197</u>

See notes to financial statements

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2008 and 2007

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications is a subdivision of the City of Independence, which is a political subdivision of the State of Iowa. It is considered a Component unit of the City under Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number Fourteen. The City operates under the Mayor-Council form of government with the Mayor and Council Members elected on a non-partisan basis and the Utility is governed by a separate Board of Trustees. Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications is a public utility providing electrical, cable, internet, and telephone services to the citizens of the City of Independence, Iowa.

The Utility's financial statements are prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

A. Reporting Entity:

For reporting purposes, Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions and authorities. The Utility has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Utility are such that exclusion would cause the Utility's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board have set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial authority. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and 1) the ability of the Utility to impose its will on that organization or 2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Utility. The financial statements are the Enterprise Fund of Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications which is a component unit of the City of Independence.

Independence Telecommunications Utility is legally separate from the Electric Utility, but is financially accountable to the Electric Utility, or whose relationship with the Electric Utility is such that exclusion would cause the Electric Utility's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Telecommunications Utility is governed by the Electric Utility's five-member Board appointed by the City Council and the Telecommunications Utility's Operating budget is subject to the approval of the City Council and the Electric Utility.

B. Basis of Presentation:

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component unit. For the most part, the effect of the interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

The statement of Net Assets displays the Utility's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net assets. Net assets are reported in three categories:

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances for bonds, notes and other debt attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

Restricted net assets result when constraints placed on net asset use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net assets consist of net assets not meeting the definition of the two preceding categories. Unrestricted net assets often have constraints on resources imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, generally it is the Utility's policy to use unrestricted resources first.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting:

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred. The accounting records are maintained in accordance with the uniform system of accounts prescribed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

In reporting its financial activity, the Utility applies all applicable GASB pronouncements for proprietary funds as well as the following pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless these pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements: Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions and Accounting Research Bulletins of the Committee on Accounting Procedure.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenue of the Utility's Enterprise Funds is charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for Enterprise Funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

D. Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principals requires management to make estimates and

assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

E. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets:

The following accounting policies are followed in preparing the financial statements:

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

The Utility considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At December 31, 2008 and 2007, cash consisted of checking accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit.

Cash and cash equivalents for cash flows statements purposes are as follows:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Cash	\$ 1,030,509	796,952
Board designated funds	<u>3,848,645</u>	<u>3,666,245</u>
Total Cash	4,879,154	4,463,197
Less: Certificates of deposit – term longer than three months	<u>(2,600,000)</u>	<u>(2,200,000)</u>
Cash and Cash equivalents	<u>\$ 2,279,154</u>	<u>2,263,197</u>

Accounts Receivable and Unbilled Revenue:

Accounts receivable are shown at the amount expected to be collected after determining the allowance for doubtful accounts based on an aging of all the individual customer balances. Unbilled revenue is for the service consumed between periodic scheduled billing dates and is estimated and recognized as revenue in the period in which the service is provided.

Inventories:

The inventories are valued using average cost.

Board Designated Funds:

Board Designated Funds consist primarily of funds designated by the Board of Trustees for the improvement, replacement and expansion of capital assets, future investment in transmission, and future health insurance payments for retired employees. The Board retains control over these funds and may, at its discretion, subsequently use them for other purposes.

Capital Assets:

Property and equipment were recorded in 1954 at their appraised value with all subsequent additions recorded at cost. Normal maintenance and repairs are expenses, and major renewals and betterments are capitalized. If items of property are sold, retired, or otherwise disposed of, they are removed from the asset and accumulated depreciation accounts, and any gain or losses thereon

are reflected in the Statements of Revenues and Expenses. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method.

Investments:

At December 31, 2008 and 2007, investments are stated at the lower of aggregate cost or market.

Revenue:

Billings to customers are based on meter readings at stated rates, and are recorded as revenue in the corresponding meter-reading period.

Income Taxes:

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications is a subdivision of the State of Iowa and exempt from federal and state income taxes.

(2) Cash and Investments

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' deposits in banks at December 31, 2008 and 2007 were covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

The Utility is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Board of Trustees; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

The carrying value and the approximate market value of the Utility's investments at December 31, 2008 and 2007, are as follows:

	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
Investment in Industrial Park Site		
December 31, 2008	-	-
December 31, 2007	\$ 12,922	\$ 12,922

During 1988, Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications purchased 38.99 acres of land in Independence, Iowa. The utility sold 1.538 acres in 1988, 6.805 acres in 1991, 3.318 acres in 1994, 7.513 acres in 1998, and 15.017 acres in 2006 resulting in a gain on sale of investment of \$1,876, \$3,754, \$1,789, \$2,302, and \$66,075, respectively. At December 31, 2008, the remaining 4.799 acres were sold for \$34,553, resulting in a gain of \$21,631.

(3) Accounts Receivable

As of December 31, this account consisted of the following:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Accounts Receivable	\$ 810,093	758,362
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	(56,379)	(47,699)
Balance	<u>\$ 753,714</u>	<u>710,663</u>

(4) Unbilled Revenues Receivable

Unbilled revenues receivable consist of electric meter usage that has not been read or billed by the Utility. At December 31, 2008 and 2007, these amounts were \$337,382 and \$223,799, respectively.

(5) Inventories

At December 31, inventories consisted of the following:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Fuel oil	\$ 133,653	140,470
Lube oil	1,197	41
Distribution	170,001	164,094
Generation	108,197	108,197
Cable and internet supplies	<u>67,385</u>	<u>111,570</u>
	<u>\$ 480,433</u>	<u>524,372</u>

(6) Reserved Funds

The reserved funds are amounts the Board has restricted for specific purposes.

Capital Improvement Fund – At the October 20, 1994 meeting, the Board approved the combining of the Improvement Fund and the Future Construction Fund and called it the Capital Improvement Funds. This fund is to be used for new construction projects and improvements. Monthly transfers to this fund are to be \$15,000. At the February 20, 1997 board meeting, the policy was changed to have \$20,000 transferred to this fund each month. At the February 24, 2005 board meeting, the policy was changed to have \$40,000 transferred to this fund each month. At the February 23, 2006 board meeting, the policy changed to have \$20,000 transferred to this fund each month. During 2008, a net amount of \$240,000 was transferred into the fund.

Retirement and Severance Fund – The Board of Trustees has reserved this to pay for future health insurance coverage for retired employees. It also helps fund the accrued vacation and sick leave for current employees. This fund is to equal the combined retirement and severance liabilities. \$7,700 is transferred into this fund each month. During 2008, \$92,400 was transferred into the fund.

Self Insurance Fund – The Board of Trustees has reserved the amounts in this fund to replace the distribution system that might be destroyed by a natural disaster. This reduces the amount of insurance premium that would be incurred if an outside insurer were paid for this coverage. Prior to October

1994, this fund was funded with all interest income received. At the October 20, 1994 board meeting, the policy was changed to have \$2,500 transferred to this fund each month. At the July 25, 1996 board meeting, the policy was changed retroactive to June 1996 to have \$15,000 transferred to this fund each month. In December 1996, the Board of Trustees approved an additional transfer of \$25,000 to the fund. At the February 20, 1997 board meeting, the policy was changed to have \$20,000 transferred to this fund each month. At the February 24, 2005 board meeting, the board approved a transfer of \$181,596 to this fund from the Retirement and Severance Fund, and approved capping this fund at \$1,000,000. During 2008 and 2007, no amounts were transferred into the fund.

At the April 19, 2007 Board of Director's meeting, it was approved to create a new restricted fund - Investment in Transmission. The funds will be used for future transmission capital investing. A transfer of \$400,000 from Unappropriated funds to the Investment in Transmission fund. During 2008, no amounts were transferred into the fund.

(7) Capital Assets

Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Land	\$ 244,162	243,881
Construction in Progress	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	<u>\$ 244,162</u>	<u>243,881</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:		
Telecommunications Outside Plant	\$ 2,251,471	2,247,247
Buildings and Improvements	104,015	104,015
Generation in Service	8,749,189	8,770,208
Distribution in Service	7,931,672	8,074,833
Office and Office Equipment	968,710	959,470
Small Tools	55,946	55,946
Transportation	798,777	781,485
Cable and Internet Equipment	<u>2,815,166</u>	<u>2,618,056</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	23,674,946	23,611,260
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(<u>12,027,791</u>)	(<u>11,405,807</u>)
Net Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>11,647,155</u>	<u>12,205,453</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 11,891,317</u>	<u>12,449,334</u>

(8) Accrued Vacation and Sick Pay

At December 31, 2008 and 2007, Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications had accrued vacation payable of \$70,592 and \$69,862, respectively. An employee may carry forward only five days of vacation from one vacation year to the next. An employee earns their vacation days on their anniversary date.

All full-time employees accrue sick leave at a rate of 2 days per month up to a maximum of two-hundred-eighty (280) days. Upon retirement, medical disability, or death, an employee will be paid up to fifty percent of 240 days of his or her accumulated sick leave. At December 31, 2008 and 2007, the accumulated sick leave was \$663,880 and \$587,440, respectively.

(9) Accrued Retirement Insurance

During 1986, the Board of Trustees voted to recognize the probable liability of retirement health insurance coverage by appropriating funds for this purpose, based on the life expectancy of each retiree. The amount of probable liability was determined using life expectancy tables and a variable health care inflation assumption and those amounts were placed in a long-term investment. The Utility will recognize the liability incurred and accordingly restrict the equivalent amount of cash. The criteria for determining eligibility includes years of service and employee age. The benefit is available to the spouse for up to three months after the death of the retiree. At December 31, 2008 and 2007, Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications had accrued retirement insurance of \$506,401 and \$529,104.

At a July 2004 Board of Trustees meeting, the Utility adopted a resolution stating that future retirees would not be provided retirement health insurance coverage. Current retirees and spouse will continue to be covered under the plan.

At December 31, 2008 and 2007, Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications covered 11 retired employees.

(10) Pension and Retirement Benefits

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications contributes to the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS) which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits which are established by state statute to plan members and beneficiaries. IPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to IPERS, P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, IA 50306-9117.

During the first half of 2008, plan members were required to contribute 3.90% of their annual covered salary and Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications was required to contribute 6.05% of annual covered payroll. Beginning July 1, 2008, plan members were required to contribute 4.10% and the Utility was required to contribute 6.35% of annual covered payroll. Contribution requirements are established by State statute. The contributions paid to IPERS by Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 were \$72,623 and \$63,381, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

(11) Long-Term Debt

On December 29, 2006, the Utility signed a loan agreement with BankIowa. The loan is payable from the revenue from the operation of the Utility. The loan was for \$436,409. Principal and interest payments are payable for 59 months

in the amount of \$8,700 beginning on February 1, 2007, with a final installment of all remaining principal and interest due at maturity on December 1, 2011. At December 31, 2008 the balance of the loan was \$274,449.

The Utility issued an Electric Revenue Improvement and Refunding Note dated August 1, 2005. The balance at December 31, 2008 and 2007 was \$4,796,767 and \$5,106,263, respectively. Monthly payments are \$44,370 through August 1, 2020. On August 1 in each of the years 2012 and 2019, the rate will be adjusted to two thirds (67%) of the 7-year fixed advance rate plus 2%. The fixed advance rate is published by the Federal Home Loan Bank, Des Moines, Iowa. Currently, the note bears interest at 4.50% per annum.

The electric revenue note is a revenue note issued under the provisions of Chapter 384 of the Code of Iowa and, as such, the principal and interest are payable from the revenue from operations of the Utility. The details of the Utility's indebtedness are as follows:

Year Ending December, 31	Interest Rate	Principal	Interest	Total
2009	4.50	321,914	210,521	532,435
2010	4.50	336,650	195,785	532,435
2011	4.50	352,116	180,319	532,435
2012	4.50	368,231	164,204	532,435
2013	4.50	385,246	147,189	532,435
2014 - 2020	4.50	3,032,610	516,957	3,549,567
Total		\$ 4,796,767	1,414,975	6,211,742

The Utility reserves the right to prepay principal on this note in whole or in part at any time prior to and in any order of maturity on terms of par and accrued interest.

(12) Related Party Transactions

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications provides electrical service to the City of Independence. During the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, the charges for this electrical service were \$305,223 and \$301,716. In addition, the City paid \$21,759 for meter reading.

During 2008 and 2007, Independence Light & Power, Telecommunications donated \$156,000 to the City of Independence.

The Utility has agreed to pay the City of Independence \$150,000 per year for a five year period for the purpose of economic development. The annual payments are due January 31st. The first payment was paid January 31, 2006.

(13) Lease Agreements

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications has a Joint Use Contract with Qwest Corporation. Both parties own poles used by the other party. A lease of \$16.79 per pole is paid to the owner. The net amount, (Joint Use Poles

owned by the Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications less the number of Joint Use Poles owned by Qwest Corporation) was 413 poles. During the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications received \$8,798.

The Utility also has a Joint Use Contract with Mediacom. Both parties own poles used by the other party. A lease of \$16.79 per pole is paid to the owner. The net amount, (Joint Use Poles owned by the Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications less the number of Joint Use Poles owned by Mediacom) was 1,597 poles. During the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications received \$26,814.

(14) Commitments

On March 2, 2006, the Utility signed a letter of intent to purchase power from Wisconsin Public Power, Inc. (WPPI). The letter of intent states the contract period will be from May 1, 2006 through December 31, 2037 with an average wholesale cost of power projected to be \$58.28/MWh for 2006. An official contract for service was approved and signed at the April 20, 2006 meeting of the board of directors.

In order to offset rising transmission costs, the Board of Directors, through and in conjunction with its membership in the Midwest Municipal Transmission Group (MMTG), on March 23, 2006, signed a letter of intent with Iowa Public Power Agency (IPPA) to conduct negotiations with Mid American Energy Company toward an agreement for investment rights in the construction or acquisition and ownership of transmission upgrades and additions to Mid American's transmission system. Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' allotted investment of ownership in the transmission project will be \$310,000. On February 28, 2007, the Utility through and in conjunction with its membership in MMTG, also agreed to participate in the Brookings-Twin Cities Development Project Agreement with the Central Minnesota Municipal Power Agency for investment and development of transmission. Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' allotted investment share of ownership in the transmission project will be \$248,648. The percentage of equity and debt financing for both agreements are yet to be determined under the Federal Energy and Regulatory Commission (FERC).

(15) Risk Management

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, damages, and natural disaster. These risks are covered by the purchase of commercial insurance. The Utility assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage for the past three years.

Required Supplementary Information

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications

Budgetary Comparison Schedule of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets
Budget to Actual (Cash Basis)

December 31, 2008

	Accrual Basis	Accrual Adjustments	Cash Basis	Budget	Final to Actual Cash Basis Variance
Total Revenues	\$ 9,242,414	248,642	9,491,056	10,330,077	(839,021)
Total Expenditures	(9,058,645)	(43,136)	(9,101,781)	(9,997,252)	895,471
Net	183,769	205,506	389,275	332,825	56,450
Balance, Beginning of year	11,310,756	(10,013,169)	1,297,587	2,336,803	1,039,216
Balance, End of year	<u>\$ 11,494,525</u>	<u>(9,807,663)</u>	<u>1,686,862</u>	<u>2,669,628</u>	<u>982,766</u>

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information – Budgetary Reporting

December 31, 2008

The budgetary comparison is presented as Required Supplementary Information in accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 41 for governments with significant budgetary perspective differences resulting from not being able to present budgetary comparisons for their financial statements.

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the Board of Trustees annually adopts a budget on the cash basis following required public notice and hearing. The annual budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures. Encumbrances are not recognized on the cash basis budget and appropriations lapse at year end. Disbursements did not exceed amounts budgeted at December 31, 2008.

Other Supplementary Information

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications

Treasurer's Balance

December 31, 2008

	Checking and Savings Accounts	Time Deposits	Total	Maximum Authorized Deposit
Security State Bank Independence, Iowa	\$ 450,358	400,000	850,358	4,000,000
Cash on Hand			-	
Deposits in transit			-	
Outstanding checks			-	
Balance			<u>850,358</u>	
BankIowa Independence, Iowa	1,180,857	3,000,000	4,180,857	4,000,000
Cash on Hand			800	
Deposits in transit			30,461	
Outstanding checks			<u>(183,322)</u>	
Balance			<u>4,028,796</u>	
Total			<u>\$ 4,879,154</u>	

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Schedule of Operating Expenses

Years Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

	2008	2007
Generation Expenses:		
Purchased power	\$ 4,287,279	\$ 3,905,010
Fuel oil expense	26,622	212,150
Natural gas - engines	120	120
Natural gas - boiler	39,332	30,154
Operating expenses	1,093	6,214
Generating vacation and sick leave	48,515	44,541
Supervision	108,937	102,497
Maintenance of generators and equipment	71,255	98,243
Miscellaneous generation expenses	125,167	129,823
	<u>4,708,320</u>	<u>4,528,752</u>
Distribution Expenses:		
Operation and maintenance of overhead	64,266	72,465
Operation and maintenance of underground	34,643	21,727
Operation and maintenance of transformers	2,074	2,464
Operation and maintenance of street lights	17,525	11,961
Operation and maintenance of security lights	3,439	1,376
Operation and maintenance of meters	9,309	4,478
Operation and maintenance of customer services	31,980	36,309
Operation and maintenance of traffic signals	8,327	6,168
Operation and maintenance of substation	630	557
Distribution supervision	83,181	78,161
General distribution labor	29,068	27,943
Distribution vacation and sick leave	44,719	41,708
Miscellaneous distribution expenses	64,037	53,844
	<u>393,198</u>	<u>359,161</u>
Customer Accounts Expense:		
Customer records and collections	84,645	74,037
Bad debt expense	10,451	11,514
Meter reading	21,386	21,017
	<u>116,482</u>	<u>106,568</u>

Administration and General Expenses:		
Office salaries	169,649	162,009
Office vacation and sick leave	57,181	54,798
Property insurance	80,093	69,264
Outside services	61,648	47,705
Office supplies, telephone, and postage	21,202	16,374
Employer FICA	68,378	65,107
Employer IPERS	56,163	51,129
Maintenance - general	10,898	10,606
Miscellaneous expense	52,998	50,402
Uniforms	7,738	5,794
Safety expenses and equipment	16,927	11,846
Employee benefits	223,411	133,915
Energy efficiency programs	34,576	28,664
Marketing	1,270	2,670
Transportation	39,739	31,902
	<u>901,871</u>	<u>742,185</u>
Cable and internet expenses	<u>1,463,439</u>	<u>1,514,121</u>
Depreciation and amortization expenses	<u>888,585</u>	<u>897,870</u>
Benefits to Community and City:		
Cash donations to city	156,000	306,000
Labor benefits to city	8,735	10,016
Community benefits	172,248	34,777
	<u>336,983</u>	<u>350,793</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 8,808,878</u>	<u>\$ 8,499,450</u>

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Independent Auditor's Report

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To the Board of Trustees
Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications
Independence, Iowa 50644

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications (a municipal utility), a component unit of the City of Independence, Iowa, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards and provisions require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, for the years then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated May 19, 2009 on our consideration of the Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audits.

Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 6 through 16 and 32 through 34 are not required parts of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. We did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the significant deficiencies described above, we believe item II-A-08 is material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of non-compliance or other matters that are described in Part III of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the Utility's operations for the year ended December 31, 2008 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the Utility. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' responses to findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. While we have expressed our conclusions on the Utility's responses, we did not audit Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and citizens of Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications and other parties to whom Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications may report, including federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

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May 19, 2009

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year ended December 31, 2008

Part I: Summary of the Independent Auditor's Results:

- (a) Unqualified opinions were issued on the financial statements.
- (b) Significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting were disclosed by the audit of the financial statements, including a material weakness.
- (c) The audit did not disclose any non-compliance which is material to the financial statements.

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year ended December 31, 2008

Part II: Findings Related to the Financial Statements:

INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:

No matters were noted.

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES:

II-A-08 Segregation of Duties - One important aspect of internal control is the segregation of duties among employees to prevent an individual employee from handling duties which are incompatible.

Recommendation - We realize segregation of duties is difficult with a limited number of office employees. However, the Utility should review its control procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances.

Response - We will consider this.

Conclusion - Response acknowledged. The Utility should segregate duties to the extent possible with existing personnel and utilize administrative personnel to provide additional control through review of financial transactions and reports.

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year ended December 31, 2008

Part III: Other Findings Related to Statutory Reporting:

- III-A-08 Official Depositories – A resolution naming official depositories has been approved by the Utility Board.
- III-B-08 Certified Budget – Disbursements during the year ended December 31, 2008 did not exceed the amounts budgeted in the business type activities functions.
- III-C-08 Questionable Disbursements – We noted no questionable disbursements that may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979.
- III-D-08 Travel Expense – No disbursements of Utility money for travel expenses of spouses of Utility officials or employees were noted.
- III-E-08 Business Transactions – There were no business transactions between the Utility and Utility officials or employees.
- III-F-08 Bond Coverage – Surety bond coverage of Utility officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage should be reviewed annually to insure the coverage is adequate for current operations.
- III-G-08 Board of Trustees Minutes – No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the Board minutes but were not.
- III-H-08 Revenue Notes – We noted no instances of noncompliance with the Electric Revenue Note provisions.
- III-I-08 Deposits and Investments – We noted no instances of noncompliance with the deposit and investment provisions of chapter 12B and 12C of the Code of Iowa and the Utility's investment policy.
- III-J-08 Telecommunication Services – We noted no instances of noncompliance with Chapter 388.10 of the code of Iowa.

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications

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